Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the control valve is unbalanced.

3. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the seat ring assembly is fastened to the valve body without any gasket therebetween.

4. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the seat ring assembly includes a wall extending between the base and the guide portion and having at least one aperture [[through a cylindrical wall thereof]].

5. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the seat ring assembly includes a wall extending between the base and the guide portions and having a plurality apertures [[through a cylindrical wall thereof]] oriented in a predetermined pattern.

6. (currently amended) The control valve of claim 5, wherein at least some of the plurality of apertures include a [[are provided in]] predetermined [[shapes]] shape.

7. (currently amended) The control valve of claim 5, wherein at least some of the plurality of apertures are [[provided as a plurality of]] drilled holes defining a smooth aperture.

8. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the valve [[plus]] plug includes [[a substantially]] an elongate cylindrical portion having a chamfered circumferential surface sized to engage the valve seat and a nose section, the cylindrical portion sized to engage both the guide portion and the valve seat at the same time when the chamfered circumferential surface is engaging the valve seat [[base from which a nose extends]], the nose section [[being]] shaped so as to provide desired flow characteristics.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The seat ring assembly of claim [[9]] 21, wherein the reduced diameter section of the first end is formed by positioning a bushing within the first end.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method of assembling a control valve, comprising:

inserting an integrated post-guided seat ring assembly into a control valve body, the seat ring assembly having a first end defining a reduced diameter section sized to engage and guide an exterior surface of a throttling element and a second end having a valve seat sized to sealingly engage the throttling element and a threaded exterior surface;

securing the post-guided seat ring assembly within the control valve body exclusively by threadably attaching the second end of the integrated post-guided seat ring assembly to the control valve body; and

securing a bonnet assembly to the control valve body.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, [[wherein]] including forming the seat ring assembly [[creates]] to provide an outer structure, the outer structure surrounding a hollow, the hollow extending from the first end to the second end.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, [[wherein the first end houses a bushing,]] including providing a bushing adjacent the second end, the bushing [[acting directly on]] sized to engage the valve plug.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The control valve of claim [[1]] 20, wherein the guide portion includes a bushing, the bushing sized to engage [[bushing acts directly on]] the valve plug.

20.(new) A control valve having a valve body and an inlet, an outlet, and a chamber between the inlet and the outlet, the control valve comprising;

a shiftable valve plug mounted within the valve body for sliding movement and having a valve stem;

a seat ring assembly comprising a substantially cylindrical unitary body, the seat ring assembly disposed within the chamber and having a base defining a valve seat sized to receive the valve plug, a threaded connection joining the base to the valve body such that the seat ring assembly is secured in place exclusively by the threaded connection, the seat ring assembly further including a guide portion spaced away from the base and a bore extending between the base and the guide portion;

a bushing disposed adjacent the guide portion, the bushing sized to guide a portion of the valve plug, the bushing and the valve plug sized to maintain the valve plug substantially concentric with the valve seat.

21.(new) A seat ring assembly for a valve having a throttling element disposed within a valve body, the assembly comprising:

a substantially cylindrical housing having a first end, a second end, and a central bore extending from the first end to the second end and sized to receive the throttling element; the housing including a wall having at least one aperture;

the first end of the housing having a section of a reduced interior diameter sized to slidingly engage and guide an exterior surface of the throttling element; and

the bore forming a valve seat disposed adjacent the second end of the housing, the valve seat sized to sealingly engage the throttling element;

the second end of the housing including threads sized to engage an interior threaded portion of the valve body, the housing secured within the valve body exclusively by a threaded connection formed between the threads and the threaded portion.